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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The manuscript lacks scientific rigor. -The references of the Methodology used are absent. -The total aerobic count in fermented foods, is meaningless from the point of view of its microbiological quality -Spread plate isn't the international recommended method for coliform count -Sterile distilled water isn't recommended for the preparation of dilution, because is not isotonic with the cellular content. -The names of microorganisms are not written according to international taxonomic rules. -Each abbreviation should be spelled out and introduced in parentheses the first time it is used in the text (Instruction for authors), -The microorganisms abbreviation should be spelled out according to International taxonomic rules. -The tables must be presented in consecutive order. -Write the references, in References item, according to Instruction for authors. -The methodology for isolation and identification of <i>Bacillus spp.</i>, and <i>Pseudomonas spp.</i>, and <i>Enterococcus spp.</i> Is absent. -Manitol Salt agar is medium used in clinical microbiology, in food microbiology is unsuitable for primary isolation, and it is only used to confirm the use of manitol from <i>Staphylococcus spp.</i> -Table 3. The averages of microbial counts are absent, as is their SD. -Table 3. The microbial counts must be expressed as log. -Lines 49-50. Coliforms, particularly <i>Escherichia coli</i> are used as indicators of post process contamination (not in all foods) - Line 90. For ethical reasons, it is incorrect to mention the name of the Companies/Markets -Line 107. Company and country of manufacture of Mc Conkey agar??? -Lines 116-117. Selenite F broth is used only for recuperation of microorganisms from fecal samples, not from food samples. -Lines 137-138. Standard microbiological methods according ... who? -Lines 138-139. Is necessary the mention of the methodology used for identification of fungi isolates. -Lines 179-181. The biochemical tests carried out are insufficient for the classification at the level of <i>Genus</i> and specie in the case of <i>E. coli</i>. 	



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